

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SCOPING MEETING FOR THE

BUNDY CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) has determined that a Program and Project-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for the Bundy Campus Master Plan (i.e., Proposed Project). SMCCD is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project and is requesting your input as to the scope and content of relevant environmental information to be considered in the Bundy Campus Master Plan EIR. You are invited to participate in the NOP consultation and CEQA review process.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project Site consists of a 10.4-acre parcel of land located at Santa Monica College's Bundy Campus, at 3171 S. Bundy Drive. The site is primarily bounded by commercial, restaurant, and airport-related industrial uses within the Santa Monica Airport to the north; S. Bundy Drive/Centinela Avenue to the east; residential development along Stanwood Place to the south; and residential development along Stewart Avenue to the west. The uses north of the site are located within the City of Santa Monica; the uses east, south, and west of the site are located within the City of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: The project site has been converted to and is currently operating as a satellite campus of SMC offering day and evening community college courses. The campus contains two structures: an occupied four-story (approximately 64,000 square-foot) building that was recently renovated, and a vacant two-story (approximately 30,000 square-foot) structure. 609 parking spaces are currently provided. Vehicular access is currently provided via a College-constructed driveway from S. Bundy Drive. The majority of students utilize an adjacent shuttle lot north of Airport Avenue and enter the campus via a pedestrian gate at the northwest corner of the property.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING: Much of the educational planning for the Bundy Campus is embodied in the already approved uses for the four-story building, including Early Childhood Development, Teacher Education, Nursing, Continuing Education,

Non-Credit Courses, and General Education. Based on an analysis of current program and space needs, the College concluded that the two buildings planned for the site would be sufficient to meet the long-range facility planning needs of the Bundy Campus.

PROJECT VISION AND PURPOSE: The primary objective of the plan is to provide an essentially self-sustaining campus, largely operating independently of the SMC Main Campus and other satellite campuses. The vision is to provide the best possible educational environment and promote the use of sustainable resources. The purpose is to identify long-term planning goals for the Bundy Campus to guide future development and operations at this facility.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The plan calls for the retention of the four-story building and the eventual demolition and relocation of the two-story building. The total floor area would be about 100,000 square feet. Total parking at project build-out is 678 spaces. College programs will be scheduled to ensure that adequate parking is provided on-site at all times. A preliminary study has confirmed that proposed parking numbers are adequate; an additional study is underway for the Fall 2005 semester. The Bundy Campus will have up to five points of access.

Vehicles would enter and exit from S. Bundy Drive. Conditions will be considered through discussion with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. The College intends to secure access to Donald Douglas Loop South. Once access is secured, the two historical access points to Airport Avenue would not be used on a regular basis. In addition, the College will not use the Stewart Avenue access other than for emergency vehicles or to perform maintenance on the wall or park-way west of the wall.

COMMENTS: In order to receive consideration in the Draft EIR, written comments are due by October 25, 2005. Please address all comments to Dr. Thomas Donner, Interim Superintendent/President at Santa Monica Community College District, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405. Please provide your name and contact information.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE ANALYZED IN THE EIR: The Lead Agency through an Initial Study has identified the following environmental issue areas to be included within the scope of the EIR: Air Quality, Aesthetics (Views, Light, &

Glare), Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Public Utilities (Water, Sewer, and Energy), Public Services (Police and Fire Protection), Traffic and Circulation, Neighborhood Effects, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. Copies of the Draft Master Plan and CEQA Initial Study Checklist are available at SMC's web site at: www.smc.edu/facilities_bundy.



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A public scoping meeting will be held to present the project and solicit public comments with regard to potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed project. The scoping meeting will be held at the following location, date and time:

**Bundy Campus Community Room
3171 S. Bundy Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90066**

Santa Monica College Board of Trustees: Carole Currey, Chair; Dr. Nancy Greenstein, Vice Chair; Dr. Susan Aminoff; Dr. Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison; Dr. Margaret Quiñones; Rob Rader; Herb Roney; Belinda Phillips, Student Trustee; Dr. Thomas J. Donner, Interim Superintendent/President

October 17, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.